

King's Children.

FOR K. O. THINKERS.

To all the workers in the Young People's Societies of our beloved church I send this "BASKET OF SUMMER FRUIT"—all Golden Thought.—M.

When you bury sin, don't keep its grave green.

Goodness does not consist in greatness, but greatness in goodness.—*Athenaeus*.

Christ never sends his servant where he has not been himself.

Faith without works is like a watch in the same condition—absolutely worthless.

"The mites contributed for missions by the poor are a mighty force in the work of saving the world."

Most men are ready to act the Good Samaritan, but without the oil and twopence.—*Sidney Smith*.

It is the little rift within the lute

That by and by will make the music mute,

And ever widening, slowly silence all.

—*Tennyson*.

One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice of inclination to duty, is worth all the mere good thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers, in which idle people indulge themselves.—*J. H. Newman*.

The awaking time is coming for all souls that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for God has said, "They shall be filled."—*Religious Telescope*.

Give God the whole heart, and every duty will be fulfilled, and every relation with other human life will be a channel of richest blessing.—*Alexander Maclaren*.

Fear God for his power; trust him for his wisdom; love him for his goodness; praise him for his greatness; believe him for his faithfulness; and adore him for his holiness.

The world can stand anything but a fire-baptized church. It can stand logic and philosophy, and oratory and music; but it cannot stand plain, common Gospel truth, red hot.

A child lay dying and said plaintively: "Lift me higher! Lift me higher!" The father took the little one in his arms and lifted her up as high as he could raise her as she continued to plead, with failing strength, "Lift me higher!" Soon she was gone, lifted out of her earthly father's trembling arms into the bosom of her heavenly Father. On the child's grave they cut her name and the words, "Lifted higher." God wants us all to come up to him, to get closer to Him, to be lifted higher into life's better things.—*J. R. Miller, D. D.*

THE WASHINGTON O. E. CONVENTION.

A. B. GNAGEY.

On July 9, the fifteenth annual convention of the United Societies of Christian Endeavor opened for regular business at Washington, D. C. The formal opening services were preceded by no less than twenty-two separate devotional meetings in the different city churches on the evening of July 8. The pastors of the various churches presided over the gatherings. The speakers for the opening addresses were well selected and very ably handled the subject namely "Deepening the Spiritual Life," which was universally felt to be not only a fine topic for such a grand gathering, but also a subject calculated to upbuild the whole cause of Christian Endeavor.

There were thirty-three early morning prayer-meetings on the morning of the regular opening, and these meetings continued to be a conspicuous part of the Convention each day.

After the opening hymn addresses of welcome were made by chairman W. H. H. Smith and Rev. S. H. Green, followed by responses from Rev. Dr. J. Service, of Detroit and Prof. W. W. Andrews, of New Brunswick. The meetings were held in the two tents, "Washington" and "Endeavor." The following are the leading planks of the Christian Endeavor platform as defined by President Clark:

"(1) Our covenant prayer-meeting pledge—the Magna Charta of Christian Endeavor. (2) Our consecration meeting, guaranteeing the spiritual character of the society. (3) Our committees, giving to each active member some specific and definite work 'for Christ and the church.' (4) Our interdenominational and international fellowship, based upon our denominational and national loyalty. (5) Our individual independence and self-government, free from control of united society, state or local union, convention or committee, all of which exist for fellowship and inspiration, not for legislation. (6) Our individual subordination as societies to our own churches of which we claim to be an integral, organic, inseparable part. (7) Our Christian citizenship plank—our country for Christ, but, as a society, no entangling political alliances. Our missionary plank—Christ for the world. (8) Our ultimate purpose—to deepen the spiritual life and raise the religious standards of young people the world over.

The wonderful vastness of result attained by the Christian Endeavor movement may be summed up as follows: Forty-six thousand societies have been formed. Five million of Endeavorers have been

enrolled, of whom more than two million seven-hundred thousand are at present members. Two millions of others, who are Endeavorers in all except name, have been enrolled in purely denominational societies. Ten million Endeavor meetings have been held. Five million copies of the constitution have been printed, in forty different languages, and at least fifteen million copies of the pledge. It is estimated that not less than one million of the associate members have come into the evangelical churches connected with fifty denominations, influenced in part, at least, by the Christian Endeavor Society, and it is a fact that over \$2,000,000 has been given in benevolence through denominational and church channels. The report of Secretary Baer is as follows:

"Of the states and provinces that now have each over one thousand Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, the Keystone state of Pennsylvania still heads the list with 3,273; New York next, 2,971; Ohio, 2,311; Ontario has now passed to fourth place, with 1,817; Illinois, 1,802; Indiana, 1,352; Iowa, 1,302. There are now 10,084 Junior societies. Pennsylvania leads with 1,224, then New York not very far behind with 1,104; Illinois, 836; Ohio, 716; Indiana, 498; Iowa, 468; Massachusetts, 461; California, 442. Notwithstanding many of the states have made splendid advances in Junior societies, Pennsylvania will for the third time secure the Junior 'badge' banner for the largest gain in number of Junior societies. There are now 115 Intermediate societies enrolled, and many more of which we have no record. Illinois leads with seventeen recorded. California, Indiana and Ohio each have eleven enrolled. Another year's growth of this branch will be watched with interest, as will that of still two other new branches, the Mothers' Society and the Senior Society. There are fifty of the former and twenty of the latter. Illinois leads in both, having twenty-one Mothers' and four Senior societies. New Hampshire and Pennsylvania each report three Senior societies, and Kansas eleven Mothers', and Pennsylvania seven. All Canada has 3,292 societies, and in foreign and missionary lands there are now 6,399 societies enrolled. The United Kingdom has over 3,000; Australia, over 2,000; France, 66; West Indies, 63; India, 128; Mexico, 62; Turkey, 41; Africa, 38; China, 40; Germany, 18; Japan, 66; Madagascar, 93; and so on until every country in the world is represented, save three or four, making a grand total of 46,125 branches."

The next meeting of the Convention is to be held in San Francisco.